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Invader Executed in Cuba

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—A

survivor of last April's invasion of Cuba has been captured and executed on charges of murdering a young teacher and a peasant, Havana Radio said today.

The man was identified by the radio as 47-year-old Braulio Amador Quesada, leader of the underground United Catholic Movement. His death brought to 670 the unofficial total of those who have fallen before firing squads since Fidel Castro seized power.

The radio said Amador came to Cuba as a member of the unsuccessful invasion forces April 17 and was captured in the rugged Escambray Mountains.

He admitted hanging the teen-aged teacher, Manuel Ascunce, and the peasant, Pedro Lantigua, after torturing them, the broadcast said. Amador was quoted as admitting that he acted under orders of Cuba's Roman Catholic clergy and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Ascunce was a member of the brigade of teen-aged reading and writing instructors who spread out across Cuba last year in a massive literacy campaign. Lantigua was one of his pupils.

The two were given heroes' funerals in Havana last November, with Castro following their coffins on foot and President Osvaldo Dorticos delivering the principal address during the ceremony.

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